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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER <u>The Northwest Blade</u>		2. DATE OF FILING <u>Oct. 1, 1999</u>
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE <u>weekly</u>	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY <u>52</u>	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE <u>\$21.00 and \$25.00</u>
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) <u>P.O. Box 797, Eureka, SD 57437-0797</u>		
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printer) <u>P.O. Box 797, Eureka, SD 57437-0797</u>		
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: <u>Arlo C. Mehlfaff</u>		
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.) FULL NAME: <u>Arlo C. Mehlfaff</u> <u>Bonnie L. Mehlfaff</u> COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: <u>P.O. Box 797, Eureka, SD 57437-0797</u> <u>P.O. Box 797, Eureka, SD 57437-0797</u>		
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1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	<u>1466</u>	<u>1466</u>
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 10B1 and 10B2)	<u>1491</u>	<u>1491</u>
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I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.		
SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER <u>Arlo C. Mehlfaff, President</u>		

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Sworn to before me this 1st day of Oct. 1999

Bobby Lapp  
Notary Public

My commission expires 6/5/2004